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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR MAY MEETING OF UN OVERVIEW
COMMITTEE

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1. USG IS PREPARING A PAPER ON THE FIRST AGENDA ITEM OF THE MAY 3-12 MEETING OF THE UNGA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE--A REVIEW OF THE PRINCIPAL FACTORS AFFECTING THE WORLD ECONOMY AND INTER-RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (SEE PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 10 OF REFTEL). THIS PAPER MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE UN SECRETARIAT BY APRIL 7.

2. WE ARE ALSO PREPARING A LIST OF TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE SECOND AGENDA ITEM--TRANSFER OF RESOURCES IN REAL TERMS TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (SEE PARAGRAPH 11 OF REFTEL). WE MUST SUBMIT THESE TOPICS TO THE UN SECRETARIAT BY MARCH 15.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ACTION ADDRESSEE POSTS' MAKING THE OUTLINE OF OUR STATEMENT (PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW) AND THE ISSUES WE WOULD LIKE CONSIDERED DURING DISCUSSION OF TRANSFER OF RESOURCES (PARAGRAPH 6 BELOW) AVAILABLE TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS. (DEPUTY

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ISAKSEN, EC - MANFREDO CASPARI.) YOU MAY TELL THEM THAT HORMATS WANTED THEM TO HAVE THE OUTLINE FOR THEIR INFORMATION. IF THEY HAVE ANY COMMENTS, WE OF COURSE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THEM.

4. (FOR COPENHAGEN AND USEEC) WE HAVE INVITED IN AMBASSADOR SPAAK OF EC DELEGATION AND DANISH AMBASSADOR IN EC PRESIDENCY ROLE AND HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITH BOTH PAPERS.

5. OUTLINE OF PAPER ON "PRINCIPAL FACTORS AFFECTING THE WORLD ECONOMY AND INTER-RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

I. INTRODUCTION - SURVEY OF GLOBAL PROBLEMS (EMPHASIS ON INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

A. SHORT-TERM MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

-- 1. CONSTRAINTS ON GROWTH (INFLATION, PAYMENTS
---- PROBLEMS, ENERGY), WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON

---- DEVELOPMENT OF LDCS

-- 2. UNEMPLOYMENT AND PROTECTIONISM

-- 3. COMMODITY PRICE AND SUPPLY INSTABILITY

B. LONGER-TERM STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS

-- 1. TRADE GROWTH AND STRUCTURE

-- 2. CAPITAL FLOWS AND INVESTMENT

-- 3. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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II. POLICIES FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS IN
SHORT-TERM MANAGEMENT (POLICIES AIMED AT MAKING
SYSTEM MORE EFFICIENT, MAKING ADJUSTMENT SMOOTHER,
AND REDUCING UNCERTAINTY)

A. COORDINATED RECOVERY

-- B. FINANCIAL - FLOW OF RESOURCES FOR SHORT-TERM
ADJUSTMENT (E.G., WITTEVEEN)

-- C. TRADE - DEALING WITH PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES

-- D. SECTORAL POLICIES

-- 1. ENERGY - RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRODUCERS AND
---- CONSUMERS

-- 2. COMMODITIES - STABILIZATION OF PRICES AND
---- EARNINGS

-- 3. FOOD - INTERNATIONAL GRAIN RESERVES

III. COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING GLOBAL NON-INFLATIONARY
GROWTH WITH EQUITY

-- A. TRADE AND INVESTMENT

-- 1. TRADE LIBERALIZATION

-- 2. TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT

-- 3. INCREASED INVESTMENT

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-- B. COMPLEMENTARITY OF DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENTS

-- 1. DOMESTIC SAVINGS

-- 2. FOREIGN PRIVATE CAPITAL

-- 3. OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

---- -- LEVEL AND EFFECTIVENESS

---- -- BILATERAL VS. MULTILATERAL

---- -- SECTORAL ALLOCATION (E.G., INFRASTRUCTURE,

-- 4. TECHNOLOGICAL AND MANAGERIAL INPUTS

-- 5. DOMESTIC POLICY FRAMEWORK

-- C. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO MEET BHN (HUMAN
-- RIGHTS, INCOME DISTRIBUTION, POPULATION GOALS AND
-- NEEDS OF RURAL POOR)

-- D. SECTORAL POLICIES (INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION,
-- COMMODITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY CONSERVATION
-- AND DEVELOPMENT)

IV. CONCLUSION - COOPERATION AS ROAD TO MUTUAL GAINS

6. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION DURING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE'S
CONSIDERATION OF "TRANSFER OF RESOURCES" (NOTE THAT WE DO
NOT INTEND TO SUBMIT TO THE UN SECRETARIAT THE MATERIAL
IN PARENTHESES BELOW. IT IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF OUR
OECD COLLEAGUES ONLY.)

(A) ROLE OF RESOURCE TRANSFERS IN DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL
GROWTH.

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(B) FACTORS RELATING TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF RESOURCE
TRANSFERS (E.G., UNDER THIS COULD BE DISCUSSED RELATION-
SHIPS BETWEEN PRIVATE CAPITAL FLOWS AND OFFICIAL TRANSFERS,
AND THE DOMESTIC POLICY FRAMEWORK, INCLUDING SAVINGS,
INVESTMENT AND TRADE POLICIES).

(C) VOLUME AND QUALITY OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE,
ESPECIALLY PROGRESS SINCE CIEC.

(D) PRIORITIES OF RESOURCE TRANSFERS, BY SECTOR AND PURPOSE
(E.G., UNDER THIS COULD BE DISCUSSED FOOD AID AND
ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT; ASSISTANCE TO
INFRA-STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA;
AND ASSISTANCE TO MEET BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND NEEDS OF
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES). VANCE

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